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SUBJECT:BRIEFING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS ON VICE PRESIDENT
MONDALE'S MEETING WITH VORSTER

REF: STATE 120183

1. YOU SHOULD SEEK AN APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER OR
OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF
GOVERNMENT TO WHICH YOU ARE ACCREDITED ON THE INITIAL
RESULTS OF THE VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH SOUTH AFRICAN
PRIME MINISTER VORSTER. YOU WILL HAVE RECEIVED VIA WIRELESS
FILE THE TEXT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT'S PRESS CONFERENCE HELD
IN VIENNA IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MEETING. YOU SHOULD
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ARRANGE TO PASS A CLEAN COPY OF THE TEXT TO THE FOREIGN
MINISTER DURING THE BRIEFING, CALLING ATTENTION TO IT AS
OUTLINED BELOW.

2. IN REVIEWING THE VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING, YOU SHOULD
DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS:

-- WE ARE GIVING YOU THE TEXT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT'S PRESS CONFERENCE HELD IN VIENNA IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER VORSTER, BECAUSE IT CONTAINS THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS IN BOTH TONE AND SUBSTANCE OF WHAT TRANSPIRED AT THOSE MEETINGS.

-- IN ADDITION, WE WANT TO EMPHASIZE CERTAIN POINTS ABOUT THE EXCHANGES WHICH TOOK PLACE. YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THAT SOME OF THIS INFORMATION IS SENSITIVE; WE KNOW YOU WILL RESPECT THAT.

-- ON RHODESIA, WE BELIEVE THAT VORSTER'S PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR THE PRESENT BRITISH-AMERICAN EFFORT IS SIGNIFICANT. HIS STATEMENT (WHICH THE VICE PRESIDENT READ OUT DURING THE PRESS CONFERENCE) REINFORCES OUR VIEW THAT THIS EFFORT IS WELL WORTH PURSUING. DURING HIS SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS WITH PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN AND FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN IN LONDON, MAY 22-23, VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE REITERATED OUR SUPPORT FOR THE INITIATIVE. WE HAVE NAMED OUR AMBASSADOR TO ZAMBIA TO REPRESENT US DURING THE CONSULTATIVE DISCUSSIONS. HE HAS TRAVELLED WITH THE BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE TO SALISBURY, FOLLOWING A ROUND OF SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH THE NATIONALISTS AND SOME FRONT LINE REPRESENTATIVES.

-- ON NAMIBIA, WE ARE ENCOURAGED THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT HAS EXPRESSED CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT A SETTLEMENT CONSISTENT WITH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 385 REMAINS POSSIBLE. THE CONTACT GROUP MEETS IN NEW YORK MAY 26,
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PREPARATORY TO THE NEXT PHASE OF TALKS IN CAPE TOWN, WHICH TALKS WERE AGREED TO BY PRIME MINISTER VORSTER DURING HIS MEETINGS WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT.

-- ON SOUTH AFRICA, THE MEETINGS SERVED TO PUT OUR POLICY CLEARLY ON THE RECORD. THIS WAS, AS WE TOLD YOU DURING OUR EARLIER BRIEFING, THE PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE OF THE TALKS. THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT KNOWS THAT WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO A MOVEMENT AWAY FROM APARTHEID AND TOWARD FULL PARTICIPATION IN THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC LIFE OF THEIR COUNTRY BY ALL SOUTH AFRICANS. WE ALSO CLEARLY INFORMED THE SAG THAT PROGRESS ON ALL THREE AREAS OF SOUTH AFRICA, NAMIBIA, AND ZIMBABWE WAS NOW CRITICAL.

-- WE ARE NOT PUT OFF BY THE INITIAL REJECTION OF OUR MESSAGE BY VORSTER. IT MAY HAVE HAD MORE IMPACT THAN WAS APPARENT FROM THE INITIAL SOUTH AFRICAN REACTIONS.

-- WE WILL NOW BE ASSESSING THE RESULTS OF THE MONDALE-

VORSTER MEETING, REVIEWING IN THAT LIGHT OUR RELATIONS
WITH SOUTH AFRICA.

3. FOR DAR ES SALAAM, LUSAKA, LAGOS, MAPUTO AND GABORONE:
YOU SHOULD PREFACE YOUR REMARKS ON THE VICE PRESIDENT'S
MEETING WITH THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- WE APPRECIATED THE WAY WE WERE ABLE TO WORK TOGETHER
AT THE RECENT CONFERENCE IN MAPUTO. WE BELIEVE THAT IF WE
CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THAT PATTERN, WE CAN FIND SOLUTIONS TO
THE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS WE CONFRONT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

-- AS THE SECRETARY STATED IN HIS LETTER DISCUSSING THE
VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH VORSTER, WE WANT TO STAY IN
CLOSE TOUCH WITH YOU ON THESE ISSUES. WE LOOK FORWARD TO
FUTURE EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION AND VIEWS ON THESE SUBJECTS.

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4. FOR DAR ES SALAAM, LUSAKA, MAPUTO, AND GABORONE:
PLEASE ARRANGE TO PASS MESSAGE IN PARA 2 ABOVE TO
ZIMBABWE NATIONALIST LEADERS LOCATED IN YOUR CAPITALS
AS WELL AS TO SWAPO. TO SUPPLEMENT TALKING POINTS IN
STATE 120183, YOU MAY ADD THAT THE MONDALE/VORSTER TALKS
REINFORCE OUR VIEW THAT THE COURSE WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN
WITH THE FIVE POWER CONTACT GROUP OUGHT TO BE PURSUED.

5. FOR USUN: YOU SHOULD ARRANGE TO BRIEF SYG WALDHEIM,
SWAPO REP BEN GURIRAB, COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA AHTISAARI,
AND ANGOLAN PERM REP FIGUEIREDO, CONVEYING TALKING POINTS
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